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AMINO ACID USING BACTERIA
BELONGING TO THE GENUS
ESCHERICHIA

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 13, 2007, and in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A two-month extension of time is filed herewith, extending the period for response to March 17, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 9.

Remarks begin on page 11.